

Role of agencies who manage water for the environment

Water for the environment is used to protect our rivers, wetlands and floodplains.

Water is allocated to federal and state environmental water holders, who determine when, where and how much water is released for the environment. These agencies work with communities and each other to coordinate the delivery of water for the environment.



Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE)

Set policies, plans and rules
Develop water sharing and water resource plans



Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA)

Manage Murray-Darling Basin
Deliver the Murray-Darling Basin Plan

Plan and oversee delivering water for the environment
River operations in the Murray-Darling

Provide basin scale guidance for the delivery of water for the environment



DPIE Environment, Energy and Science (ESS)

Manage environmental water licences held by NSW Government
Manage water held by the Australian Government by working with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office
Develop long-term and annual environmental watering plans
Manage planned environmental water allocations in water sharing plans



Commonwealth Environmental Water Office (CEWO)

Work with OEHL to develop annual watering plans
Monitor and evaluate the use of water for the environment



Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries

Manage and protect NSW fish populations
Research, policy implementation, education and compliance



Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN)

Seek greater recognition and respect for Aboriginal knowledge and cultural values
Contribute to the Murray–Darling Basin Plan and the Indigenous consultation strategy
Provide advice to natural resource committees



Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR)

Compliance, monitoring and enforcement of water management rules and licence and approval conditions
Ensure water for the environment is left in the river or aquifer



Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN)

Advance First Nations' members rights to protect, manage and own water resources on their own country
Influence decisions on natural resource management at all government levels



Natural Resources Commission (NRC)

Review and audit water sharing plans